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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the date of entry of the national stage in an international application.

The listed documents were noted in the International Search Report in priority application PCT/AU/02/00075. Copies of the International Search Report and International Preliminary Examination Report are enclosed. An English-language counterpart (U.S. Patent 5,019,023) is provided for German-language DE 3934283A1. No English-language counterpart is available for EP 1080850; however, this is noted as being filed after Applicant's Australian priority application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents.

A copy of an English language counterpart, U.S. Patent No. 5,019,023, for DE 3934283A is enclosed.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicant determines that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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Respectfully submitted,

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		5,019,023	May 28, 1991	Kuroswa	475	269	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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		DE 3934283 A1	May 3, 1990	Germany			see U.S. Patent 5,019,023
		EP 0623422 B1	July 10, 1996	Europe			yes
		EP 876883 A	Nov. 1, 1998	Europe			yes
		EP 1080850	March 7, 2001	Europe			yes

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)	
	International Preliminary Examination Report in PCT/AU02/00075, mailed September 6, 2002 from the IPEA.
	International Search Report, mailed February 19, 2002 for PCT/AU02/00075.

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